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BUILDING RESISTANCE

YUPPIE SCUM!

SPREADING LIKE FUNGUS

Gentrification is quickly becoming a main concern for working class people in East Vancouver. Homes are being bought up at a frantic pace, with plans to tear them down to make room for expensive yuppie condominiums. In 1987 alone, new construction of condos rose 37 percent. Meanwhile, rental housing (i.e. affordable housing) is decreasing. Victor Setton of United Properties, in the April '88 issue of *BC Business* said "Rental properties are not being built anymore. Right now the buyers are getting all the attention." The "buyers" are those who can afford $105,000 to $130,000 for condos. That's the price being asked when one building is completed. Before, the three houses located on East 1st, that are to be demolished, were rented out for up to $600 for a three bedroom suite. John Mahyr of Park Georgia Realty Ltd., says "I've got four or five more deals in the works" and goes on to say how the East 1st and Commercial Drive area are "close to downtown and developers are willing to pay the price." Realtors even talk of making East Vancouver like Toronto, Where housing is incredibly expensive.

Those of us who have lived in East Vancouver are being forced out of our own communities. We can not pay extortionist prices for "new modern yuppie" flats, nor do we want to! A home is not a home when it is an investment, or a commodity or with the prices you'd have to pay; the only thing you'd own!

And what of our "beloved" city council? Whose side are they on? Alderwoman Carole Taylor says the city is powerless to stop the trend as long as the developments conform to the zoning plan.

So what are we to do? Will we simply pack our bags and move out of our community? No! We fight back. Yuppie spending power has increased dramatically, and so they spread out like a fast growing fungus. On Commercial Drive the warning signs were obvious; the new pastel coloured "El Mercato" yuppie mini-mall... the trashy boutiques... Limousines are now frequently seen cruising up and down our streets, no doubt with wealthy investors on board. These should be our targets. We should attack those who are now attacking us. Let them know they are not wanted. Let them know they will not destroy our class, culture or politics. We have a commune worth fighting for . Anti-yuppie campaigns are well underway in the UK, with yuppie cars constantly being smashed up and acts of vandalism occurring all the time. Condominium construction sites have also been attacked. Last summer in New York 500 people rioted against the yuppification of Tomkins square park. In Sweden the "Grand Hotel" in Stockholm was attacked in a "Yuppie free Stockholm" demonstration. In Copenhagen militant squatters successful fought off cops attempting to evict them. In Seattle people have also begun squatter abandoned building as one solution to vanishing vacancies.

Let's see just what price "developers" really are willing to pay! This is CLASS WAR! DIE YUPPIE SCUM!

> In January, a record breaking 887 condominium starts were recorded in the lower mainland area. In contrast construction began on just 148 rental units.

INFILTRATORS EXPOSED!

Three months ago, Fran Trutt was arrested outside the U.S. Surgical Corporation, which uses live dogs to practice and demonstrate the use of surgical staples produced by this company. She was carrying a remote control device which led to a bomb she had allegedly planted beside the building and its parking lot.

What began as a supposedly militant bombing attempt by the "lunatic fringe" has led to knowledge of several movements deeply infiltrated with spies hired through a "security" company that has heavy connections with the FBI and the CIA.

We now know that this is a case of blatant entrapment of a vulnerable activist by agent provocateurs. The story will be of interest to any one in any alternative movement, but a definite must for activists involved in animal liberation, radical environmentalism and anarchism, especially in North America. Your personal security may depend on it.

see inside, "The Entrapment of Fran Trutt"

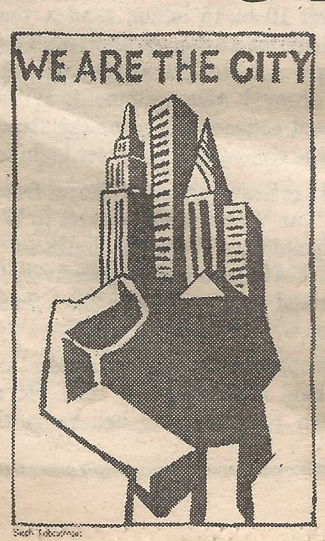
SPAIN - GENERAL STRIKE

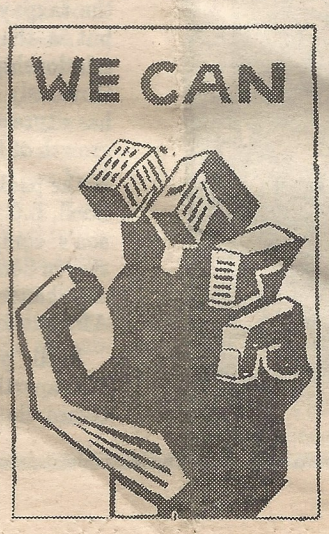
ANARCHIST MILITANTS ARRESTED AT GUNPOINT

The recent General strike in Spain, the first in over 50 years- saw a turnout exceeding 90response that confounded the two unions, the UGT and the CCOO, which initiated it but which also helped to create the conditions that caused it. But the level of response did not surprise the anarchist union, the CNT-AIT, which had organised Spain's two previous general strikes and which supported this current manifestation of popular anger to the full.

Despite the large numbers who took part in the strike there were a number of attempts by the forces of reaction to provoke the sort of fascist attacks more reminiscent of the pistolero gangs of the early 30's. In Saragossa workers affiliated to the CNT-AIT were threatened at gunpoint by their boss the day before the strike—but the cenetisters went on strike anyway. In Bilbao a massive demo was attacked by the police firing rubber bullets. And in Barcelona anarchists were arrested at gunpoint.

The Barcelona incident happened when six strikers- all members of the Poble Sec anarchist ateneo (social centre) saw a bar open to the public in defiance of the strike. So they threw in a harmless firework to wake up the customers to the fact that the rest of Barcelona had risen up. The next thing that happened was that the occupants





SPAIN-GENERAL STRIKE

of the bar rushed out waving pistols and ordered the six strikers to lay face down on the floor. The 6 were then arrested (the occupants of the bar turned out to be not just ordinary scabs but plain-clothed police looking for trouble). As we go to press some are still being held in custody.

The General strike was taken in response to government measures in pursuing free market policies, and in particular the newly created youth "training" scheme, known as the plan de Empleo Juvenil(PEJ). The strike was also against unemployment generally, which in Spain has risen to 22excepting Portugal.

The pathetic one day call-out by the reformist UGT and CCOO unions stands in sharp contrast to the Social General strike as organised by the anarcho-syndicalists. The practice of the CNT has always been to take the maximum advantage of a general strike and not simply to leave the place of work but to take over the work places and occupy and even collectivise them. With a one-day affair this is hardly possible.

Nevertheless the CNT-AIT gave full support to the strike but made it clear that they considered the strike was just as much against the reformist policies of the UGT and CCOO which have had a social pact with the PSOE (the ruling Spanish Workers Party) for the past six years.

The strike began in a spectacular way at midnight on December 13th. On the pro-PSOE Channel One tv show a presenter announced that the strike was expected to draw only a 50most services were expected to be running as usual. At that point the tv screen suddenly went blank, as the tv production workers had pulled the plug out. That was the signal for the strike to begin. In contrast on another channel the tv presenter signed off by announcing that the strike would prove to be a great success and then wished all the viewers a 'good rest' the following day.

When dawn broke it was clear channel One had got it all wrong. In Barcelona no newspapers appeared, taxis, buses, tubes, trains were at a complete standstill. Every single bar and shop was shut. The industrial area of Baix Llobregat was 100all school were closed—both state and private. The same for theatres and cinemas. The main market stopped at 3 in the morning, which the farmworkers also stopped work for the day. The few shops that attempted to open were stopped by pickets. The giant Corte Ingles department store in Plaza Catalunya attracted several hundred pickets and riot police and after several charges and countercharges the stores management agreed to close (the store is owned by the late General Franco's widow).

The UGT, the CCOO and the phoney CNT marched together—it was a peaceful affair. In contrast the CNT-AIT organised a separate march (originally banned by the police) which drew attacks from the police. At Plaza de Universidad the cenetistas sang A Los Barricadas ("To the Barricades") while simultaneously barricading all the roads in the area. They then marched towards the Ramblas, bricking banks as they went. Once in the Ramblas the anarchists set up more barricades, blocking off Placa Catalunya. The police attacked and there was hand to hand fighting. The newspapers referred to the conflict as 'guerilla warfare'.

This was how the day ended. Clearly from the mood of everyone it could have easily been the beginning. It was the same, too, in other parts of Spain. In madrid, for example, all public transport was brought to a halt after scabs were attacked with stones; there too strikers were attacked by police, who fired bullets over their heads.

For some it was like going back in time. The 'one day affair' was but a glimpse of what could have been. The CNT-AIT distributed hundreds of thousands of leaflets calling for more radical action, and in consequence drew most of the media attention despite the fact that it was the reformist unions that had called the strike in the first place.

No doubt the government will now make the odd concession to placate the reformist unions, but their real dread are the workers who prefer direct action to political negotiation. It was the spirit of direct action that was the real victor of the General strike. The people had a taste of revolution, and they decided it tasted good...

From Black Flag (sources: MT & S (CNT-AIT), Barcelona).

Book Fair

The Anarchist Bookfair on March 4th was a complete success! Hundreds of people passed through the days event, purchasing over $1000 worth in books and literature from shops like Spartacus and Left Bank (who came up from Seattle!), as well as distributors/publishers such as Chaotic, Pulp Press, Dawn of Liberty, Red and Greens (a social ecologist group), pop tart,plus a table from the IWW,and the Anarchist Black Cross.a small anarchist poster show was exhibited,some videos shown,and free food provided.

To pay for the space,a benefit gig was held in the evening with Mecca Normal, Section 46, Shovelhed (both from Victoria), and the Surf Hippies. The atmosphere was great with no hassles, fights or anything.

Dawn of Liberty, the group who organised the event, broke even and after all expenses made about $200! The real success of course was in meeting new people, presenting radical alternatives to statist/authoritarian systems, and making connections with people from Seattle as well as Victoria.

A big thanks to the Vancouver community, people from Open Road, No picnic, ABC, the IWW, Uprising breads, it wouldn't have been possible without all of us working together!

Mention should be made of the hassles organizers had with the management of the Legion hall, where the days events took place. After the contract had been signed for usage of the hall, the legion members announced that "No anarchists would be stepping foot " into the hall. They then claimed they fought Anarchists during "the war" which is possible in Spain '36 on the side of the fascists! Then the rhetoric changed to how they loved their government (the same one that sent them off to war!).

Undaunted, organizers engaged in "legal" discussion in regards to the contract, and the legion then claimed there would be emergency maintenance, so the hall couldn't be used! Eventually they were forced to honour the contract and the Bookfair went ahead. A video night is being organised for April, but we don't have a date confirmed as of yet. Keep your ears and eyes open!

SHELL LIES, PEOPLE DIE

Hey guys, guess what? The boycott and direct action (spray painting, demos, etc.) against Shell Canada/Royal Dutch Shell has got them on the defensive! The work being done against apartheid and Shell has pushed them into distributing a "plea package," propaganda insisting that Shell is anti-apartheid.

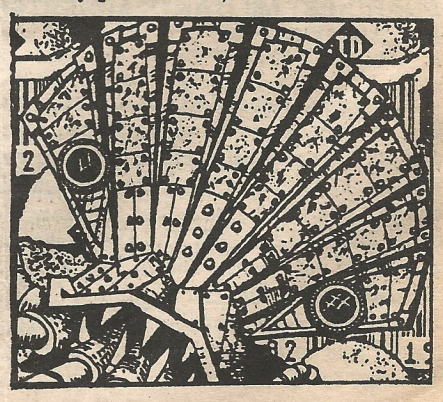
Included in this propaganda is a direct statement trying to disassociate Shell Canada from Royal Dutch Shell, "Shell Canada has neither operations nor investments in South Africa." However, in being a subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell, 79 percent owned by Royal Dutch Shell and the Shell transport and trading company in England, it is understood that they are strongly linked with operations in South Africa.

The president of Shell Canada insists that the company has no influence on its parent company, but any drop in sales due to any anti-apartheid boycott in Canada would be immediately felt by the larger body.

Although totally denying any operations in South Africa, Shell Canada do concede (contradicting themselves) to the sale of sulphur and polypropylene, used for the agriculture industry. In South Africa, sulphur is used in the production of fertilizer, as sulfuric acid, and is the key ingredient in most industrial processes. South Africa imports half of its sulphur needs; 95 percent of which is supplied by Canada.

Mr. John Wilson, chairman of Shell South Africa, expresses his feelings and concerns about apartheid, "Apartheid is not only an unacceptable burden which cost the taxpayer 10 to 15 billion rand a year, but is the major cause of uncertainty in relationships with world trading partners." Obviously through this statement, Wilson has expressed concern solely for the steady growth of the company. In a letter included in the package Senior Director/Royal Dutch Shell, L.C. van Wachem contributes to Wilson's compassion, "We want business to stay in South Africa to work aggressively for the change and to help prepare Black South Africans for when apartheid ends."

Shell propagandists summarized their anti-apartheid campaign like this: "It all comes down to what you believe is the best way of fighting apartheid. The Shell Group believes it can contribute to the anti-apartheid cause by remaining to help create a new, free, non-racial, and democratic South Africa and by sustaining the viability of the economy once apartheid is gone." Shell believes that they are the authority on how apartheid should be fought. Throughout this entire package , the contradictions and acknowledgements of their involvement in the mechanics of apartheid can only prove that Shell has no defense!



RARA SUSPECT RELEASED

First the bad news; on April 11, 1988 Dutch police raided 10 houses in Amsterdam, arresting 8 people. Seven were quickly released due to lack of evidence. The eighth, Rene, has been held for the last 9 months, sentenced to five years for alleged actions with the Revolutionary Anti-Racist Action. RARA have successfully attacked Shell oil, as well as other corporations involved in South Africa. One business, SHV, was forced to withdraw from South Africa when it's Makro stores were vigorously attacked and a few burned.

Now the good news; Rene has been freed! During the appeal case, the legality of the police operations, i.e. the raid, was a central point. Initially questions had been raised about the procedure of the house search and the functioning of the investigation judge in such cases, but this was not accepted in the judges deliberations. On Jan 3rd this aspect of the appeal was examined in more detail. In Holland the investigating judge must keep control of the actual procedure, since this was not done in the search was carried out "illegally."

Rene has also been charged with an attempted arson attack of the "KEP" passport factory. The trial will take place on March 28. However the judge thought that the probable sentence for this would be less than the 9 months which rene has already spent behind bars, that's why he was released immediately.

From Frontline Info; "We have both won and learnt a lot from experiences and discussions over political resistance, the struggle of prisoners, and continuality, and underlying solidarity. Our trust in the constitutional state has not been damaged, we had none."

Source: Frontline Info (Frontline Info is a Dutch Ecomedia contact who publishes bulletins in various languages reporting on and analyzing the radical anti-parliamentary left in Europe.)

The Entrapment of Fran Trutt

Fran Trutt

The Arrest

Just after midnight on Nov. 11, 1988, Fran Trutt was arrested during a police stake-out of U.S. Surgical Corporation (USSC). She was carrying a remote control for a bomb which had just been placed beside the building. Fran Trutt is an animal rights activist, and USSC has been a target for protest for years because of its use of live dogs to practice and demonstrate a surgical stapling technique developed by its founder, Leon Hirsh.

Shortly after her arrest, Trutt's Queens, N.Y. apartment was raided by police, who found two more bombs and two weapons. Fran Trutt has been charged with attempted murder (the bomb was placed near Leon Hirsh's parking spot) and possession of explosives. She is being held in Niantic State Prison for Women in lieu of $500,000 bond, and has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

It has been revealed that Trutt was set up by two people who posed as activist and friends. These people, with the collusion of a security consulting firm which they work for, gave her the encouragement, the money and the means to plant the bomb. The company, Perceptions International, is hired by USSC to infiltrate the animal rights movement, whose continued protests they see as a threat. (Stamford Advocate 1/25/89) Leon Hirsch has stated that Trutt has been under surveillance for at least two years. (Norwalk Hour 1/24/89) Perceptions operatives have acted as agent provocateurs, and have infiltrated the animal rights/liberation movement. We know for certain that at least one of its spies has infiltrated radical environmental groups such as Earth First! and the North American anarchist movement. Three people have been identified so far as Perceptions operatives—Marc Mead, "Bud" Vestermark and Mary Lou Sapone. We also know of direct links Perceptions has to the FBI and the CIA.

The Moles

Marc Mead, through his own admission, was paid $500 a week plus expenses by Perceptions Int. to befriend Fran Trutt and report on her activities. Trutt told her legal advisers on January 16, 1989, that Mead gave her $1,200 to buy the bomb. (*Westport News* 1/18/89) Mead drove Trutt and the bomb in his van from Queens, N.Y. to Norwalk, Conn., and was present during her arrest but not arrested himself. In an interview with the *Westport News*, Mead states: "She placed the bomb and then we walked down the embankment to where my truck was." (*Westport News* 1/18/89) Most important of all, he had rehearsed the whole arrest scenario with the Norwalk police and USSC security several hours before it took place. "We (Mead, the police and USSC security) met outside the U.S. Surgical building. They wanted me there because they wanted to walk through as to how it was all going to come down, where they would be, and how they wanted it," he said. For his role in the set-up, Mead disgustingly declares, "I haven't committed any crimes and some people say I should be given a medal for what I did." (*Westport News* 1/11/89)

Controlling Crime

Seymour Day "Bud" Vestermark, Jr. is another operative of Perceptions. He has been seen at animal rights demonstrations and conferences in Connecticut and Washington, D.C., where he has posed a pro-animal activist. (Fairfield County Advocate 1/16/89) In 1978 he wrote a book entitled, "Controlling Crime in the School: A complete security handbook for administrators." A qualifying reference in the book says that Vestermark has worked with an "executive office for the President of the United States as a staff member on a task force charged with developing policies to deal with the aftermath of political assassinations and collective violence." (New York Newsday 2/5/89) He is the Senior Contributing Editor to the Animal Rights Reporter, a publication reporting on the activities of the animal rights/liberation movement for the benefit of animal exploitation industries, which charges $195/year for subscriptions.

The Reporter is published by Perceptions Press , which has a mailing address in Washington, D.C. Although both Perceptions groups have denied any connection with each other, links are confirmed; the ARR is mailed from Perceptions International's address, and both groups are headed by Jan Reber. Vestermark is also listed as a "principle executive" of Perceptions. (Norwalk Hour 2/1/89)

Mary Lou Sapone, the third Perceptions spy, is believed to be feeding information to not only the A.R.Reporter, but to the FBI as well. Before we talk about her, a few more ominous words about Perceptions and its owner, Jan Reber.

Jan Reber has been involved in the security industry since 1972, when he headed a company called Security Perception Unlimited. His staff at that included a former assistant director of the FBI and a former military intelligence officer. Reber himself hinted at connections with the CIA. SPU sold information on "international terrorist problems" to the Fortune 500 through their publication, *Big Business Day*. (*Norwalk Hour*2/1/89, *Westport News* 1/13/89)

Mary Lou Sapone, a full time employee of Perceptions, collects a salary of $50,000 a year plus expenses. (*Westport News* 2/1/89) On Nov. 22, 1988, eleven days after Fran Trutt was arrested, she gave a statement to the FBI on the case, as well as supplying tapes of her conversations with Trutt. (*Westport News* 1/25/89 & 1/27/89) Sapone had gained the trust of such mainstream animal rights groups as Animals' Agenda, Friends of Animals and Animal Rights Alliance, of which she had become president for a short time. Trutt had trusted Sapone with her dogs and confidential files after her arrest. Earlier, Trutt says that Sapone encouraged her to work with Marc Mead. "He knows what he is doing," Sapone had said. (*Westport News* 1/25/89)

Anarchist In Itration

As part of her infiltration of the animal liberation movement, Sapone came onto the mailing list of the Animal Liberation Front Support Groups in Canada. Through this group she learned of, and attended the Anarchist Survival Gathering held in Toronto in July, 1988. Sapone has written to the ALFSG since the gathering, expressing her delight at meeting Toronto supporters, and her presence has been confirmed by those who sat beside and spoke with her. The Animal Rights Reporter(v.1, No.1) states, in an article about the ALFSG in the USA: "In July, persons believed to be associated with the ALFSG in California attended the Anarchist Survival Gathering in Toronto. There they were in contact with militant Canadian animal rights activists."

Sapone is described by her ex-husband as an excellent liar, who may have begun her spying career in the 1970s. "During the '70s it seemed that she belonged to every group in the world" he said (*Westport News* 2/1/89). It is obvious that she does her job well. In Toronto alone, she is on the mailing lists of ALFSG, Animal Defense Network, Queer Anarchist Network, Wimmins Prison Survival Network & Reality Now, as well as being a former subscriber to the Ecomedia Bulletin. From her attendance at the Anarchist Survival Gathering she became affiliated with Mayday!, the networking publication for North American anarchists. In the October 1988 issue she is listed as a regional contact. She has also attended training sessions of the War Resisters League in New York and Earth First! Round River Rendezvous gatherings. The Animal Rights Reporter (v.2, No.3) states in an article about the alleged connections between the Angry Brigade and the ALF in England, "It is too soon to tell if there is an active alliance between the Angry Brigade and the ALF. If there is it may parallel the types of alliances developing in the US and Canada between anarchists, militant deep ecologists and animal rights activists."

Mary Lou Sapone is employed by a company with direct links to the FBI and the CIA, and she has admitted giving statements to the FBI. In 1987 it was reported by an Ecomedia radio report that a source had confirmed that two FBI agents were in Toronto investigating the so-called takeover of the Toronto Humane Society by animal rights activists. Sapone has also stated, "The authorities have asked me not to say anything. I'd love to tell the story. When the prosecutor says it's okay, I'll do it" (Stamford Advocate 2/3/89).

Current Situation

The status of the legal proceedings at this point in time (2/15/89) are as follows; The New York state charge of possessing explosives is at the "First conference" stage, where the attorneys and the judge will meet to discuss the case. This happens on Feb. 17 and Trutt's New York attorney Myron Beldoch expects several delays before any proceedings take place. Trutt has been arraigned in absentia, and a plea of not guilty was entered.

The stage of proceedings for her Connecticut charges are similar as there is a "status conference" between the legal parties set for Feb. 21. Those charges of attempted murder and possession of explosives, for which she has also pled not guilty to, have reached the pre-trial stage but both defence lawyer John Williams and the prosecution attorney have requested delays to examine the continually emerging "evidence."

Fran Trutt has been in jail for 3 months now. A request for a reduction in the $500,000 bond was requested but denied soon after her arrest. As new evidence of entrapment emerges (the expected approach of the defense lawyers) further requests for bail bond reduction are expected to be made.

For those interested in helping out with the legal fees, a defence fund has been set up by Bill Manetti, from the Animal Rights Front, and Carolyn Comerford, an attorney. Donations can be sent to:

Fran Trutt Legal Defence Fund
266-B Main st. suite 120
Munroe, CT. 06468 USA
Letters of support to Fran can be also be sent and will be forwarded to her.

In the Navy

It's the return of Flipper as the U.S. Navy rapidly expands a program that trains dolphins for military maneuvers. These programs are proceeding despite widespread public opposition and recent revelations about abusive training techniques which have led to the deaths of dolphins and other animals in their care.

At last report, the Navy plans to capture, import and train Atlantic bottlenose dolphins for aquatic guard duty at the Trident nuclear submarine base at Bangor, maine. Up to 16 dolphins will be used for "perimeter defense" in Hood Canal should the Navy succeed in constructing a marine facility there.

Rick Trout, a navy marine mammal trainer based in San Diego, recently broke his silence to reveal a litany of abuses which have persisted within the navy program. According to Trout, four of the nearly forty dolphins in a Seattle-based training program have died in the past eighteen months. Among the abuses are accounts of animals dying from complications following skull and jaw fractures, injuries attributed to corporal punishment and transport.

The U.S. Navy's Marine Mammal Program has existed in one form or another for 25 years. In recent years, parts of it have gone underground, transferred into the Defense Department's top-secret programs. Despite the secrecy, several newspapers have reported that dolphins are being trained to detect, cripple and kill frogmen; aid in the retrieval of mines lost at sea; and attach listening devices or mines to enemy ships.

Trout is now threatened by the possibility of legal action from his employer, Seaco of San Diego, in a thinly veiled attempt to silence his release of "top secret" in formation.

However, Trout is only one of numerous employees who have left the program in disgust. Last year, someone attempted to illegally liberate navy marine mammals from their pens in San Diego. Although the FBI investigation focused on Seaco employees, no arrests were ever made . In addition, several marine mammals are known to have escaped from their navy trainers during field operations in recent years.

Unfortunately, unplanned liberation most likely condemns them to death because they are usually handicapped by harnesses and muzzles designed to control them and prevent feeding. Currently, a young sea lion, AWOL a year ago and resighted recently in California, is slowly strangling to death as he grows into and through a navy harness.

Trout, who has worked with dolphins for 15 years, insists that dolphins and other marine mammals are not as cooperative as reports suggest; nor are they prepared for retaliation from the underwater intruders they are trained to attack. Despite this and widespread concern that the program is financially wasteful, the Navy remains determined to construct the Bangor facility.

Numerous groups are now considering filing suit in federal court in an attempt to halt the marine mammal project in Bangor, and to force a congressional inquiry into the abuses and implications of the project. To protest animal abuse you can write to: William Ball, Secretary of the Navy, Dept. of the Navy, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 205030 and regarding the proposed Bangor facility, Project no. OYB-1-0121156: Col. Phillip Hall, Army Corps of Engineer, Seattle District, 4735 E. Marginal way s., Seattle, WA 98124

Sources: Stark Raven Co-op Radio 102.7FM every Monday at 9:30 pm.

IT'S A MANS JOB

Vancouver's abortion clinic, Everywomans Health Centre, has been under near-constant harassment from anti-abortionists for the last 3 months. On sat. March 4th, as part of the ongoing International Women's Day activities, a rally was held in defence of the clinic with over 2500 people participating. Speakers denounced the "minority of narrow-minded self-righteous people" who want to control the lives and bodies of women. "They want to impose their personal views on every woman in the country and we say 'That will not be allowed to happen!'"

But who are the anti-abortionists? Many are members of Operation Rescue, an organization founded in 1986 in New York state. There is no doubt O.R. has a conservative, at times veering on right wing, politic. Their membership is primarily fundamentalist christian hence the strong religious self-righteousness, and an anti-gay sentiment, accepting AIDs as Gods punishment!

In late January O¿R¿ staged a 15-hour blockade of the Clinic, under "illegal" conditions. We are not overly concerned with the alleged "legality" of the protests so much as to the "law enforcers" reactions. The courts have been consistently lenient, incredibly "understanding"... had it been any number of other political issues police action would have been much more swift and, considering some of O¿R¿s' militant tactics, much more severe. The media attention, the controversy, the fact that O.R. has a "clean middle-class" image, for sure have played a part in the polite actions of the law, but we cannot underestimate another important factor; that many of the police and judicial workers are in total sympathy with the anti-abortion zealots. Much of this comes from the basis of sexual domination in this society, that is to say;patriarchy. OR is explicitly male, of that there is no mistake.

The struggle pro-choicers have fought all these years has always been against patriarchy. OR only regurgitates the same old crap. If they truly cared about life they would turn their attention to smashing patriarchy (the basis for sexual exploitation, domination, & violence against women), destroying this class-structured society; in short the real problem, instead of attacking one of the methods women have chosen to re-gain some element of control over their bodies and lives.

Some info taken from Feb. '89 *Kinesis*.

Foto;No Picnic

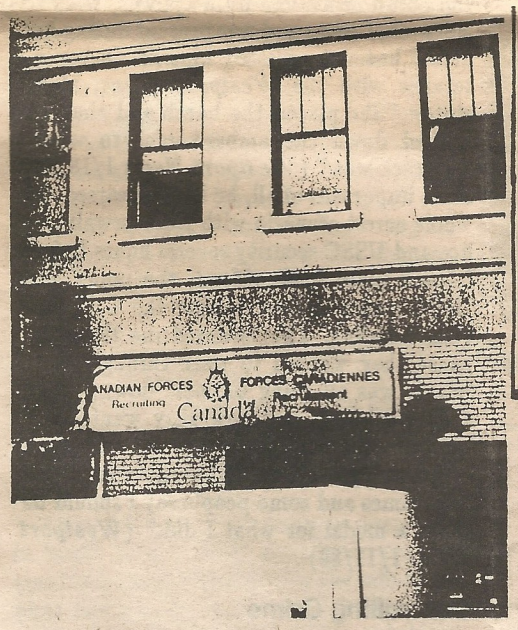
Skinhead handing out anti-gay/abortion literature. Note white-supremist symbol on jacket, not the kops that is...

BURN IT DOWN!!

Old news but good news! In mid-January the Canadian Armed Forces recruiting centre in Victoria was attacked causing extensive damage. At about 12:30 am a fire bomb was thrown through the front window. The resulting fire caused $ 110,000 damage, totally destroying the space, although unfortunately files were left intact. Later the same day at about 4:30 pm the building erupted in flames again as the fire had been smoldering in beams in the ceiling. This caused another 10-15 thousand dollars damage.

As usual police have it all ass-backwards and have made a "Crimestoppers" tv advert out of it. The real "Crimestoppers" should've been made years ago when the recruiting centre was first built, not now when it's finally been destroyed!

–A Victoria correspondent.



...INFILTRATORS EXPOSED

As a final note, we would also like to emphasise and remind you of the media blackout in the Canadian media and the limited amount of coverage this case has received in the US (practically nothing outside of New York and Connecticut). The implications of major corporate movement infiltration which allies itself with the FBI and the CIA has serious implications for all of us. Ecomedia Toronto.

Tearing Down the Walls

Hello, welcome to our fifth issue, as you can see we have radically changed our format. Unfortunately the price of production has risen slightly, $150 every issue. This is a substantial financial drain of our relatively small collective. We would appreciate it if regular monthly sustaining installments were donated, ie. if 30 people donated $5 per month we could easily cover our costs. Regular subscriptions are now $15 for 12 issues, free to prisoners.

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